

Further REASONS

FOR THE

BILL,

ENTITLED,

A Bill for Securing to Mr. John Hutchinson the Property of a Movement Invented by him for the more exact Measuring of Time, both in Motion and at Rest;

In Answer to the Clockmakers further Objections. 8223. c.

IF Judgment may be made of the Watchmakers Case by their Clamour and Importunity, by their pressing Solicitations of all their Friends, and their continual Plying and Teazing the Members of the Honourable the House of Commons, the Invention here humbly offered is not so mean and slight as they would insinuate. The same may also be reasonably infer'd from the Slurs and Aspersions that, in Private Discourse, and their Printed Papers, they cast, both upon it, and upon the Author. They call it a *Little Sketch*, a *pretended Invention*: And him, a *pretended Virtuoso*, and a *Projector*. They charge him with *Assuming*, with *Assurance*, and with *bold and false Aspersions*; but without ever offering one single Instance of any. 'Tis plain they wanted not Zeal to have done that, had they been able. Indeed one that shall calmly observe in what Manner these People, who have been so long observed to be open and avow'd Enemies and Opposers of all like useful Inventions, speak, write, and act, will not need much further arguing in Favour of; so that I shall be as short with them as may be.

I. Upon the Remonstrance made, in my former Paper, they are forced at once to give up, to those learned and great Mathematicians who were the true Authors, all the Inventions that they had so positively ascribed to themselves: and are not able to make good their Claim to any One of them. Nay they give no Instance of so much as one single Addition, made by them, to what hath been Invented by those Mathematicians. Nor will it be ever thought Just or Reasonable that they who cannot produce the least Proof of their being capable of doing any Thing themselves, should be suffered by meer Defamations, and groundless Suggestions, to obstruct and hinder others.

II. They are forced now likewise to give up what they so positively asserted in their former Paper, that none of their Body ever attempted a Monopoly: and, after Two such Instances, I leave every indifferent Person to be Judge on what Side lyes the *Falsbood*, that they talk so much of. What they say about the Mathematicians of *England*, has as little Ground: For there has been no Invention in Watchwork produced by any of them, excepting only Two by *Dr. Hook*; for which he had Patents granted; tho' they know well that neither of them were of any Benefit to him; which is the Reason that the Author of this humbly sues for an Act of Parliament.

III. Of what Importance this Invention is hath been already submitted to some of the best Mathematicians and Mechanists in *England*: and I am most ready to lay it before any others who are Candid and Impartial. What they say that the *Invention is not mine* is the only Thing to Purpose of all they have set forth. Now this I am very willing should be try'd, and the whole put upon that Issue.

IV. Whatsoever they may be pleased to insinuate, I have no where own'd that this Movement *wants Tryal*. So far from it, that I had made continued *Tryals* of it, with the utmost Care, and found it kept Time, with extraordinary Exactness, before ever I propos'd it to the Publick: And I am prepared to make yet further Additions and Improvements, if I have the Encouragement of having the Right and Benefit of them secur'd to me. Of these one is, that I can make the Movement perform correctly, without any Spring at all: And that answers what they object against *Springs varying* with the Weather; which yet I suppose they do not think will make mine vary more than other Springs: Or, if they do, I can tell them a Way of remedying that, and securing a Spring from such *Variations*, and Exterior Affections.

V. As to the Note with which they usher in their Paper, that this *Portable Movement is but a Pocket-Watch*, with a little Difference in the Shape and Position of some of the *Wheels*; those that are Artists must needs know that there cannot be possibly any other Difference: And though it were never so little, if it do the Business, and measure Time exactly, 'tis all that is wanted. If these *Wheels* are of Shape different from those hitherto in Use: If they are placed in different Positions, and move Parts that are of a Frame and make wholly New: And that too after a New Manner, which is truly the Case here, the Invention must be New, or there can be no such Thing as a New Invention.